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25 February 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Chief, DPD

SUBJECT: Activities Report for Operations Branch  
15 February through 21 February 1960

I. CHALICE SECTION:

a. Action checklist for the proposed CHALICE operational missions completed.

b. CORONA mission 9007 launched on 19 February. Vehicle destroyed by range safety officer shortly after launch. Analysis of malfunction forthcoming. CORONA shot number 11 is estimated for launch 12 March.

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d. Pending Actions:

(1) Subject: Two Mid-East Missions  
Date: As soon as weather permits  
Actionee: [ ] and DPD/OPS/CHAL

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25X1A (2) Subject: [ ] Missions  
Date: During week of 22 February 1960  
Actionee: [ ] and DPD/OPS/CHAL

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(3) Subject: Range Profiles for Slipped [ ]  
Date: As soon as aircraft available  
Actionee: [ ] and DPD/OPS/CHAL

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**2. CONTROL CENTER:**

a. Assisted Air Support Section in preparation of briefing aids and in presentation of proposed [ ] March operations. 25X1A

b. Prepared and updated Operations Policy Letters and Control Center SOP's.

c. Pending Actions:

(1) Subject: Request for Replacement of Command Post Technician [ ] 25X1A  
Date: 25 November 1959  
Actionee: DPD/ADMIN

**3. INTELLIGENCE SECTION:** 25X1A

a. Briefing conducted for [ ] on requirement for extending CORONA program through Calendar Year 1961. Participants included Mr. James Q. Reber, [ ]

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[ ] Graphics prepared by Intelligence.  
Presentation included:

(1) Anticipated coverage of USSR by CHALICE during CY-1960.

(2) Intelligence requirements and targets for CY-1961.

(3) Anticipated coverage and effectiveness of CORONA during CY-1961 considering cloud cover and other pertinent factors.

CY-1961 considering cloud cover and other pertinent factors. At conclusion of presentation [ ] stated his conviction that there was a valid and essential requirement for extending the CORONA program during the period in question. The number of missiles involved was not resolved, however, discussion centered around eight to ten. 25X1A

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b. ARC meeting was held on 18 February. Primary subject was the continuance of a System [ ] in the field. A firm decision was not reached by the Committee. However, it was agreed that if it were decided to shelve the equipment, it should not be done until after another mission similar to [ ]

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[ ] has been accomplished. The question of discontinuing the

c. The ARC was also briefed on general areas to be covered by proposed CHALICE operations in Tibet and was requested to submit additional targets if it so desired.

d. Pending Actions: None

4. OPERATIONS REQUIREMENTS SECTION:

a. Completed pre-contractual and production schedule format to be used for all future Operations Requirements Section projects.

b. Prepared for the Chief, Operations Branch, detailed information as pertains to all equipments and/or configurations to be installed in [ ] aircraft.

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d. Letters to Mr. C. L. Johnson and [ ] were prepared expressing Colonel Burke's appreciation for LAC and [ ] support to [ ] project.

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e. A letter is being prepared to Mr. Reber requesting ARC and general intelligence community recommendations reference the possibility of retaining the test bed [ ] for future special projects such as [ ]

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**f. Pending Actions:**

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(1) Subject: [REDACTED]  
Date: 11 February 1960  
Actionee: DPD/MB

(2) Subject: Installation of Destructor System in [REDACTED] 25X1D  
Date: 4 January 1960  
Actionee: TSS

(3) Subject: Disposition of ASN-7's  
Date: 15 January 1960  
Actionee: DPD/OPS/OR

(4) Subject: Determination of Requirements for  
Navigation Radar in C-130  
Date: 15 January 1960  
Actionee: DPD/OPS/OR

**5. COMMUNICATIONS SECTION:**

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a. Three replacement personnel have completed training, processing, and departed for [REDACTED] 19 February 1960. They were; one Electronic Engineer and two Cryptographers.

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b. [REDACTED] departed for Waltham, Massachusetts to perform a training mission in preparation for the activation of the Bek signal center.

c. Pending Actions: None

**6. AIR SUPPORT SECTION:**

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a. Briefed the Chief, Far East Division and two representatives of Team 'B', United States Air Force, on 19 February 1960 on matters pertaining to the [REDACTED] operations.

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b. Prepared and transmitted a memorandum to Cover Division regarding [REDACTED] Present cover does not 25X1A  
[REDACTED] Certain suggestions were made to eliminate this deficiency.

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c. [ ] operations for February completed

17 February with the departure of all support personnel and aircraft

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[ ] Summary: nine [ ] missions flown, [ ]

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successful. Two [ ] missions flown, [ ] successful. Total [ ]

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successful missions out of [ ] successful.

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d. Started detailed mission planning for March [ ] operations.

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e. No [ ] activity during this period.

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f. [ ] TDY (18-19 February) to New York to procure survival gear for CAT C-130 aircrews participating in Far East air operations.

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g. Preparing memo on evaluation of C-130 navigational equipment.

h. [ ] trip to South America postponed by Chief, WH Division until certain questions regarding Project [ ] resolved.

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i. Pending Actions:

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(1) Subject: Request for [ ] replacement  
Date: 9 November 1959  
Actionee: DPD/ADMIN

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(2) Subject: [ ] Recruiting Letter  
Date: 29 October 1959  
Actionee: DPD/ADMIN

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(3) Subject: Program Approval (Provide [ ]

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[ ] Airborne Section)

Date: 1 February 1960  
Actionee: DD/P

(4) Subject: Clearance of U. S. Forestry Officers  
Date: 19 February 1960  
Actionee: DPD/ADMIN/SECURITY

SIGNED

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Chief, Operations Branch, DPD-DD/P

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